

Amendments to the Specification

IN THE WRITTEN DESCRIPTION

Please replace paragraph [0002] with the following amended paragraph:

[0002] One such protective device is known in the form of a cargo-space cover from DE 198 25 353 C2. The known cargo-space cover has a web-like flat sheet which is movably arranged between a rest position and a pulled-out deployed position in the cargo space. A pull-out bar is provided at one front end of the web-like flat sheet, which pull-out bar is guided on opposing sides by a carrier. The carriers arranged on opposing vehicle sides are part of a drive strand and are each movable in the longitudinal direction of the cargo space by this drive strand. By moving the carriers, the pull-out bar is also moved, thus causing the flat sheet to be pulled out or wound up in a corresponding manner. An electric drive system is associated with each drive strand on each vehicle side. The two electric drive systems can be driven synchronously by means of an electronic speed governor, which guarantees that the carriers are guided in synchronism.

Please replace paragraph [0011] with the following amended paragraph:

[0011] In a cargo space 1 of a motor vehicle, in the present case a station wagon, there is provided as a protective device a cargo-space cover 3 which is positioned directly behind a back-rest arrangement of a bench and extends between opposing side walls 2 of the cargo space 1. The cargo-space cover 3 has a cassette housing which is fixedly anchored to the vehicle in the area of the back-rest arrangement or in the area of the opposing side walls 2. A web-like flat sheet, which can be rolled up, is supported in the cassette housing. The flat sheet is, for this purpose, fastened on a roller shaft which is rotatably supported in the

cassette housing. A restoring spring acts in a basically known manner onto the roller shaft, which restoring spring loads, as a drive system in the form of a spring store, the flat sheet in a winding-up direction. A dimensionally stable pull-out part 4 is arranged on the front end of the flat sheet, which pull-out part is designed mainly as a contoured part. The pull-out part 4 has coupled thereto in the area of the opposing vehicle sides pull strands 5 which are guided in suitable guide elements having guideways 10 provided in the side walls of the cargo space 1. The guide elements 10 for each strand 5 have a drive system 6, mainly in the form of an electric motor. Other embodiments of the invention include pneumatic, hydraulic or mechanical drive systems. The pull-out part 4 is moved in response to a movement of the two drive strands 5, namely in a pull-out plane toward and away from the cassette housing.